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PAKISTAN'S DISPLACED PERSONS

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¶1. (C) ADCM met with Tomaz Mencin, head of the Division for Africa, the Near East, Asia and Oceania, and Natalija Raisp, head of the Asia section, on June 9 to urge Slovenia to heed the UNSYG's warning that there will be a severe crisis if the UN is forced to cut services because of the unmet UN appeal and to join in committing funds toward supporting Pakistan's internal refugees and in answering the UN's call for assistance. Mencin explained that Slovenia was unable to pledge assistance because of Slovenia's financial crisis, other priorities for economic assistance, i.e. to the Western Balkans, and the lack of bilateral contacts with Pakistan. He lamented that his main problem was that his division did not have any money. He noted, however, that Slovenia followed the situation in Pakistan, was greatly concerned about the IDP situation and aware that it could affect stability in the region. He added that Slovenia is taking steps to promote closer contacts with both Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mencin commented that Slovenia supported an intensified EU-Pakistan political dialogue and that the EU FMs planned to issue conclusions following the June 12-13 GAERC on Enhanced EU Engagement with Afghanistan and Pakistan.  
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